HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 35

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

PAULINE K. GUBBELS

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON CONCERNS OF THE HANDICAPPED TO STUDY THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ARE NOT BEING MET BY PRESENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH IMPROVED COORDINATION OF EXISTING SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS COULD ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS.

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WHEREAS, lack of transportation, especially transportation services using vehicles equipped with ramps or wheelchair lifts, is one of the most frequently mentioned problems of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, that lack of transportation inhibits the possibilities for persons with disabilities to hold jobs or engage in mainstream societal activities such as voting, shopping, meeting and worshipping; and

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WHEREAS, several state and federally funded programs are directed at providing transportation services and accessible vehicles for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, those programs all call for maximum coordination between programs and communities to meet additional needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, other states use a regional provider concept rather than the individual small program grantee approach used in New Mexico: and

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities believe they were not included in the state highway and transportation department planning process, have no member on the newly created transportation planning council and were even denied an adequate opportunity to express their concerns at public hearings on the plan precisely because of inadequate transportation services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor's committee on concerns of the handicapped be requested to convene and lead a task force to study the issue of transportation needs and the possibility of better coordination of special transportation programs and present its report to the appropriate interim legislative committee no later than September 15, 1996; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force have broad representation from governmental agencies, service providers and consumers statewide, including the state independent living

council, state highway and transportation department, developmental disabilities planning council, state agency on aging, current 16(b)2 recipients and individuals with disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor's committee on the concerns of the handi capped.

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February 1, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

 $Respectfully \ \ submitted,$

Barbara A. Perea Casey,

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February 13, 1995

Mr. Speaker:

Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

- On page 2, line 18, strike "convene and lead a task force" and insert in lieu thereof "meet with the coordinating council".
- 2. On page 2, line 22, strike "committee" and insert in lieu thereof "committees".
- 3. On page 2, strike lines 23 through 25 in their entirety and on page 3, strike lines 1 through 4 in their entirety.

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